

REHEARSAL.

1. Why the Review wou'd have the Story of Oakhampton Drop'd.
2. The Aggravation of the Present Conspiracy.
3. Nine Instances of the Prevarications in the Story of Oakhampton:
 1. In the Character of Quint.
 2. Of his being Servant to a Certain Trades-Man.
 3. Making it a Party-Cause.
 4. Of a Captain being Found out for the Purpose.
 5. Of a Neighbouring Justice Refusing to Sign the Warrant.
 6. The whole Load laid on the Clergy.
 7. Call'd the Service of the Church.
 8. Of the Committee of Elections:
 9. Of the Issue of the Prosecution.

WEDNESDAY, November 6. 1706.

(1.) *Rehearsal.* **T**HE Review will see by my Last what Reason he had to Advise me to Drop the Story of Oakhampton, out of Respect to the Clergy-Men he had Accus'd.

Country-Man. And I hope it will be a Warning to him, how he Trusts again to Whigg-Information. Of which all that have hitherto been Examined, have prov'd Notoriously False. And we must Suppose his Six and twenty Hundred other Stories, which he tells us he keeps in Petto, are of the same Nature, comming all out of the same Mint.

(2.) *Rehearsal.* In the whole Narrative of this Matter given by the Review ther is hardly one True Word, but a Turn given to Every thing, which makes it False, but to Look like Truth. And this makes it still much more False and Wicked. Ther is an Innocent LYE, in Comparison of a Deliberat and Studied FALSHOOD. Especially where it is Intended to take away the Reputation, Life, or Estate of Another. More Especially of Many Others, of a whole Order or Rank of Men. It is a Conspiracy even in the first Case, where it is Design'd but against one Man: But where it is against an Order of Men, and those Establish'd by the State, and the Principal Part of the State, there it is a Conspiracy against the State: But if that Order is likewise Established by Christ, it is no less than a Conspiracy against Christ and God. And all these Aggravations are in the Present Case.

I have before at Large Detected the Invertate Malice of a Clubb of Conspirators set up to Asperse the Church and Clergy, and disprov'd several of their Stories, like this, to the Satisfaction of all who love the Truth, and no small Mortification of the Conspirators and their Abettors.

Country-m. And your Disproofs of their Lyes have been so Plain and well Attested, as to

Carry Conviction with them, so that the Forgers have not a Word to Reply, but are Forc'd to stand Corrected, the Shame and Abhorrence of all Good Men.

(3.) *Rehearsal.* I will now shew you the Thread of Prevarication that Runs through the Relation of this Story of Oakhampton, as it is Dress'd up in the Review.

1. He begins with a Description of Quint, and calls him a Labouring and very Useful Man. This was to Intraduce the following Story with Advantage. But in truth he is a Poultry fellow, as my Account says, and all the Country knows.

2. He says, That this Quint was Servant to a Certain Trades-man in the Town.

Country-m. I Except against the word Certain, because it is so Uncertain a Word. And if this were a Certain Trades-Man, he might be found out. Whereas it Appears not that Quint was Servant to any Body at all. Two of the Affidavit-Men offer'd to Swear that he was a Covenant-Servant to Each of them, as you have before Shew'd. Was this Certain Trades-Man one of them? It is rather Certain that as Mayor Tendal said to them, Yee Lee both aw Yee. But go on, Master, who do's he say this Trades-Man was.

3. *Rehearsal.* One that had a Right in that Burrough to Vote for Burgesses at the last Election, and not of the side of Sir S. L. who stood Candidate for the Town.

Country-m. This is to give it a Turn, as if it were a Party-Cause. And that the Impressing of Quint was to Terify his Master, to Awe his Vote.

Rehearsal. That is, Supposing he had a Master, which has not yet been made out, Unless having Two who offer'd to Swear that he was Servant to Each, wou'd make him a Servant to One of the Knaves.

Country-m.

Country-m. That's true, Master, he must be
Servant to One of them.

Rehears. No, Country-man, for,

He that to two K—s takes an Oath,
Is by the last absolv'd from Both;
So Juglers when they Tye one more,
Undo the Knot they made before.

But since you have taken the Office of Ob-
jector upon you, go on, and let's know what
the Review says next.

4. Country-m. He says, that Upon this,
that is, upon the Design of Aving the Vote
of Quint's no Master, a Captain of the Army
was Found out—

Rehears. This is a Turn again, as if there
were a Contrivance to Find out such a Captain,
who shou'd move in so Considerable a Post,
as to Press so Considerable a Man as Quint.
Whereas It is Apparent from the Circum-
stances of the thing, as well as from my
Account, That Captain C— came to Oak-
hampton, to Press Soldiers, as to a Place
where his Father had Interest; And chose the
Fair-Day as most likely to find Loose Fellows
fit for his Turn. But he Proceeded in the
Regular way, and Apply'd himself to the
Mayor, who was the first nam'd Quint to
him, as a Fellow fit to be Press'd, and
Press'd him accordingly. And so this Captain
was Found out! And he is willing to give
his Oath, and so are the Clergy-Men Accus'd,
that they had no Thoughts of the Ensuing
Election (which was not to come on in
some considerable time afterwards) in this
Pressing of Quint.

5. Country-m. The Review tells next,
That when Mr. Tendal the Mayor of Oak-
hampton had Sign'd the Warrant for Pressing
of Quint, it was sent to a Neighbouring
Justice, who Refus'd to Sign it, after having
Examin'd the Circumstances.

Rehears. Mr. Mayor Tendal Sign'd no
Warrant at all, by the Account that I have,
but gave Orders to the Constables by word
of Mouth, to take up Quint, which they
did upon the Spot. And it no Warrant was
Sign'd, it cou'd not be sent to a Neigh-
bouring Justice, nor cou'd he Refuse to Sign
it.

6. Country-m. The Review go's on next,
and tells how Quint was taken up the
second time by Mr. Tendal the Mayor's
Warrant; And that ther wanting Two other
Justices to join with him, Of the Inferior
CLERGY were found, who Personating JUSTICES
of the PEACE, Sign'd the Warrant; And by
this HIGH-CHURCH FORGERY the poor
Man was Hurry'd away, &c.

Rehears. He says, Of the Inferior CLERGY
were found— why do's he not tell Who, or
how Many of the Clergy were found? Ther
were Four of them who Sign'd. Why then
were but Two of them Prosecuted? Or will
Two High, and Two Low make an High-
Church-Forgery? Ther were four Lay-Men who
Sign'd too. Were they Excus'd, because
One of them turn'd an Evidence? Or because
the whole Load must lie on the Clergy?

7. Country-m. Yes, Master, that must
be the Meaning. For he gives this as the
Reason why all this was done; lest The Ser-
vice of the CHURCH shou'd be neglected.

Rehears. This shews where the whole Turn,
to Throw all upon the Church. This is
the Burden of all their Song. They tell not
a Story where the Church is not brought in
by Head or Tail. No Common Fellow can be
Press'd, but it is an High-Church-Plot, and
an High-Church-Forgery! I expect that all the
late Robberies will be put upon High-Church.
For who but High-Church shou'd Robb upon
the High-Way, or Break through Stone Walls?
They are Cruel men, they are all for Bow-
ing to the Name of Jesus! O, the High-
Church are Cruel Men! As an High-Dissenter
said, and gave this for the Reason.

8. Country-m. But the Review Appeals
to the Committee of Elections, where, he says,
This matter was brought more particularly to
Light, and at large Detected.

Rehears. And, as I am told, ther was not
a word of it at the Committee of Elections.

9. Country-m. Then lastly he Refersto
the Issue at Law of the Prosecution then on
Foot. which he Prophesies will End in both
their Damage and Disgrace. That is, of the
Clergy-Men that were Prosecuted.

Rehears. They were then Cock-Sure of the
Issue, Considering the Strength and Firmness
of their Troops of Affidavit-Men whom they
had taken into Pay. But Truth and Immo-
cence for once Prevail'd. And the Issue of
this Prosecution ended to the Disgrace of the
Whiggs, which they will Reckon their no
small Damage.

Thus have we gon through the whole of
the Relation of this Story of Oakhampton, as
told in the Review. And, as I said at first,
we have not found one True word in it, as
it is there told. And as in Weather-Cock,
Sandwich, Stepney, Taunton, and a Long, &c.

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